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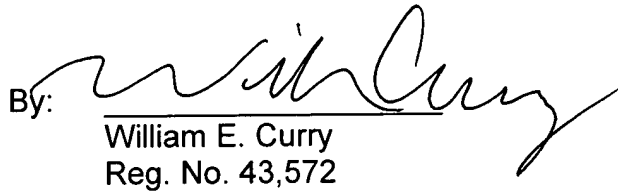
Claims 4 and 9 are pending in the application, and are allowed. Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10-21 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Only allowed claims 4 and 9 remain pending in this application. Accordingly, the Applicant earnestly solicits favorable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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